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Subject: Fifty-sixth session of the subsidiary bodies (SB 56) of the United Nations

Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Bonn, Germany

(6-16 June 2022)

Action required: Representatives from NMHSs are requested to take note of information in

this letter and advise on their participation in SB 56 by 16 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

The fifty-sixth session of the subsidiary bodies (SB 56) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be held in-person at the World Convention Center of Bonn, Germany, from 6 to 16 June 2022. Taking into account previous relevant subsidiary body (SB) conclusions and decisions made by the twenty-sixth Conference of the Parties (COP 26) in Glasgow, United Kingdom, a delegation from WMO will attend SB 56 to contribute to the following mandated events under the Convention:

- (a) Events under the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation;
- (b) Fourteenth meeting of the research dialogue;
- (c) First meeting of the technical dialogue under the global stocktake;
- (d) Annual ocean and climate change dialogue to strengthen ocean-based action.

WMO will also be engaged in the following agenda items:

- (a) Matters relating to the Santiago network under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts;
- (b) Matters relating to the global stocktake under the Paris Agreement;
- (c) Matters related to science and review: Research and systematic observation;
- (d) Methodological issues under the Convention:
 - (i) Greenhouse gas data interface;
 - (ii) Common metrics to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of greenhouse gases.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

In preparation for the SBs, the UNFCCC has issued a comprehensive call for submissions from COP 26. WMO has so far made submissions on the following topics:

- (a) Glasgow work programme on Action for Climate Empowerment;
- (b) Research and systematic observations (WMO and WCRP);
- (c) Second periodic review of the long-term global goal under the Convention and of overall progress towards achieving it (SED2);
- (d) Santiago Network on loss and damage;
- (e) Fourth review of the Adaptation Fund;
- (f) Matters related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

In addition, Parties have been invited to submit their views on how to achieve the objectives referred to in paragraph 7 under the Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation by 29 April 2022. WMO has prepared a note to inform Parties with information relevant for tracking the achievement of these objectives (see here). You may wish to consult the WMO information note when making your national submissions.

In the meantime, WMO is addressing other upcoming calls for additional submissions relevant for SB 56 and COP 27. For further information you may consult the WMO submissions in the UNFCCC submission portal.

In addition to the above submissions, WMO has prepared three Policy Briefs for SB 56 and/or COP 27:

- (a) Climate science information, hydro-met systems and services for adaptation;
- (b) Climate science information, hydro-met systems and services for GHG tracking and reduction concentration of emissions;
- (c) Systematic observations, systems and data underpinning mitigation and adaptation action.

These policy briefs contain information and key messages for delegates from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) who will attend SB 56 in June, and COP 27 in November 2022, to take note of and use to inform their national delegations, and highlight the importance thereof to UNFCCC processes during the sessions.

In case you or your staff members are planning to attend SB 56, I would appreciate it if you could inform me, not later than **16 May 2022**, for inclusion in future UNFCCC-specific correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Petteri Taalas Secretary-General